



ARIZONA BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

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Regular Session Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2020

Board Members Present via Webex: Dr. Quenton McCallister, Chair, OT Member
Barbara Paulson, Public Member
Charlene Marbs, Public Member

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present via Webex: Karen Whiteford, Executive Director
Vicki Egurrola, Administrative Assistant

Legal Staff Present via Webex: Sabrina Khan, Assistant Attorney General

Location: Meeting was held via Webex due to COVID-19 concerns
Meeting number 133 629 5161

1) CALL TO ORDER

Dr. McCallister called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

2) ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Quenton McCallister, Barbara Paulson, and Charlene Marbs

3) DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were reported.

4) REVIEW AND CONSIDER FUTURE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

No schedule conflicts were reported.

a) August 14, 2020

b) September 11, 2020

c) October 9, 2020

5) REVIEW, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Marbs moved the Board approve the regular session and executive session meeting minutes of June 12, 2020. Dr. McCallister seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0 by roll call vote.

a) Regular Session Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2020

b) Executive Session Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2020

6) REVIEW, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

a) Initial Applications – Board Review

i) Alexander Burke

Mr. Burke was present via Webex. His license application was initially reviewed at the June Board meeting and was tabled so Mr. Burke could provide additional documentation regarding his prior arrests. Dr. McCallister stated that the arrests were for shoplifting and forgery (election related). Mr. Burke made a statement and reminded the Board members that the charges had been reduced two levels to misdemeanors and provided several character letters on his behalf. In response to the forgery charges, Ms. Burke explained that he was acting in line with his training he received as a temporary employee to gather signatures. Ms. Paulson and Dr. McCallister asked Ms. Whiteford to confirm the timeframe of the charges. Ms. Whiteford confirmed the shoplifting charge occurred in 2015 and the forgery charges occurred in 2017. Dr. McCallister expressed concerns that both arrests were fairly recent and involved moral turpitude.

Mr. Burke turned in approximately fifteen character reference letters to show the Board that he has made significant changes in his life. Mr. Burke stated that he has an employer who is aware of the situation and hired him. Ms. Paulson explained that she read the letters of reference and that they were all in support of him and highly complementary. Ms. Paulson quoted from a portion of Mr. Burke's disclosure response where he did know that it was unethical and did it anyway. Ms. Paulson asked that he provided additional explanation. Mr. Burke explained that he has learned a lot from the experience, sees things differently now, and that if a situation falls in gray area, it is not okay. Mr. Burke further explained that he learned a lot about ethics in school and knows about ethical situations that may arise in an occupational therapy setting. Ms. Marbs asked whether he is currently employed or waiting to be employed. Mr. Burke explained he has a signed job offer and is waiting to begin a job when licensed.

Dr. McCallister moved the Board go into executive session for legal advice. Ms. Paulson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0 by roll call vote. The Board entered executive session at 1:44 p.m. and returned to regular session at 2:00 p.m. Upon returning to regular session, Dr. McCallister tabled the current agenda item briefly so that item 9)d) could be discussed.

9) REVIEW, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION – BOARD BUSINESS AND REPORTS

d) Open Board Member Position – Status Update

Dr. McCallister asked Ms. Whiteford if she had an update on the open Board member positions. Ms. Whiteford stated that the positions had not been filled and that she planned to send a recruiting email to licensees after the meeting. She also indicated that appointments can take weeks, to years, to occur.

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Dr. McCallister stated he struggles to grant Mr. Burke an occupational therapy license because of the charges, which are very concerning and relate to his character. Ms. Marbs stated she is also struggling to grant Mr. Burke's application and stated that she recognizes that Mr. Burke is working diligently to turn his life around, but still concerned because of the nature of the charges, which have had been reduced. Ms. Marbs commented that she stated her concerns and wanted Ms. Paulson's opinion on the matter. Ms. Paulson stated that she did not agree with Dr. McCallister and Ms. Marbs 100%. She stated that Mr. Burke put in a lot of work to make major changes his life and would agree to grant his application for licensure with a consent agreement that includes continuing education in ethics and a requirement that he attest the he had read the Occupational Therapy Board's statutes and rules.

Dr. McCallister stated that he is the only occupational therapist currently on the Board and is concerned because occupational therapists work with children, the critically ill, indigent, acute care patients and explained that situationally, therapists are around valuables or wallets on tables or may be asked to bill extra time thereby creating tempting opportunities to commit fraud or take advantage of someone. Ms. Paulson commented that we have had other therapists or assistants with similar issues, had nothing in their past, had been in the field for years yet did a one-time thing and were allowed to practice. Dr. McCallister explained that he is concerned about the newness of these acts and type of charges that relate to him not wanting to grant the license. Ms. Marbs agreed with Dr. McCallister.

Dr. McCallister commented that Mr. Burke might not necessarily have supervision. Ms. Paulson asked Mr. Burke if he would have a supervisor while he's new to the practice of occupational therapy. Mr. Burke stated that he will have a direct supervisor. Dr. McCallister stated that in a school setting you would have a supervisor but is concerned with the level of supervision, and explained that as an occupational therapist you have a lot of autonomy, even more than an assistant. Ms. Paulson stated that she worked in a school setting with special needs children and was asked to provide information such as whether therapists attended sessions on time.

Dr. McCallister moved the Board deny Mr. Burke's application for a license pursuant to Arizona Revised Statute ("A.R.S.") § 32-3423(B) and A.R.S. § 32-3401(10)(t). Ms. Marbs seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-1 by roll call vote, with Ms. Paulson voting nay.

ii) Hannah Fletchall

Ms. Fletchall was not present. Dr. McCallister stated that the disclosure did not involve moral turpitude and moved the Board approve Ms. Fletchall's license. Ms. Paulson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0 by roll call vote.

iii) Daniel Kang

Mr. Kang was present via Webex. Dr. McCallister stated that the prior charge was for battery and that it had been expunged. Mr. Kang stated that he was available for questions. Ms. Marbs stated that the charge was minor and a long time ago. Ms. Paulson moved the Board approve Mr. Kang's license. Dr. McCallister seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0 by roll call vote.

- b) Renewal/Reinstatement Applications – Board Review
None
- c) Limited License Applications – Board Review
None

7) CONSENT AGENDA: REVIEW, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE APPROVED BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

a) Initial Applications Approved by Executive Director (45)

Dr. McCallister moved the Board ratify the 45 initial licenses approved by the Executive Director. Ms. Marbs seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0 by roll call vote.

License: Number	Applicant Last Name	Applicant First Name	Effective Date	Expiration Date
OTH-008170*	Anderson	Laura	6/16/2020	12/15/2020
OTH-008190	Avery	Sarah	7/7/2020	7/6/2022
OTH-008192*	Baerveldt	Kim	7/7/2020	1/6/2021
OTH-008197	Barry	Lisa	7/7/2020	7/6/2022

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OTH-008201	Benson	Valerie	7/7/2020	7/6/2022
OTH-008200*	Bignal	Kristen	7/7/2020	1/6/2021
OTH-008199	Blaesing	Casey	7/7/2020	7/6/2022
OTH-008179*	Burton	Kelly	7/7/2020	1/6/2021
OTH-008195*	Calli	Paulina	7/7/2020	1/6/2021
OTLL-000021	Carrie	Brittany	7/7/2020	11/6/2020
OTA-046837*	Chajai	Victoria	6/16/2020	12/15/2020
OTH-008175*	Colman	Julia	6/16/2020	12/15/2020
OTH-008196	Curtis	Michael	7/7/2020	7/6/2022
OTH-008178	Daley	Maureen	7/7/2020	7/6/2022
OTH-008182*	Engels	Naomi	7/7/2020	1/6/2021
OTH-008187	Fischer	Sarah	7/7/2020	7/6/2022
OTH-008176*	Flowers	Cassidy	6/16/2020	12/15/2020
OTH-008168*	Froetscher	Elizabeth	6/16/2020	12/15/2020
OTH-008189	Frohling	Amanda	7/7/2020	7/6/2022
OTH-008194	Hansen	Anika	7/7/2020	7/6/2022
OTA-046840*	Israelov	Yuoanna	7/7/2020	1/6/2021
OTH-008198	Jefferis	Caitlin	7/7/2020	7/6/2022
OTA-046838	Komanec	Celeste	6/16/2020	6/15/2022
OTH-008184*	Landess	Kaitlyn	7/7/2020	1/6/2021
OTH-008174*	LaPlue	Lee	6/16/2020	12/15/2020
OTH-008191*	Lizardo	Romariz	7/7/2020	1/6/2021
OTH-008186*	Mulvaney	Holly	7/7/2020	1/6/2021
OTH-008193	Nabozny	Nicholas	7/7/2020	7/6/2022
OTH-008171*	Oosterhouse	Sarah	6/16/2020	12/15/2020
OTH-008183	Paris-Turley	Victoria	7/7/2020	7/6/2022
OTH-008203	Rich	Haley	7/7/2020	7/6/2022
OTH-008185*	Savage	Cassidy	7/7/2020	1/6/2021
OTH-008172	Schwab	Taylor	6/16/2020	7/5/2022
OTH-008169	Selby	Terra	6/16/2020	6/15/2022
OTH-008202*	Shivack	Nadia	7/7/2020	1/6/2021
OTH-008188	Siemsen	Shannon	7/7/2020	7/6/2022
OTA-046836	Sword	Marianne	6/16/2020	6/15/2022
OTA-046841	Vanwey	Brianna	7/7/2020	7/6/2022
OTH-008181	Weyrauch	Carrie	7/7/2020	7/6/2022
OTH-008180*	Williams	Andrea	7/7/2020	1/6/2021
OTH-008204	Wilson	Emily	7/7/2020	7/6/2022
OTA-046835	Wiseman	Brianna	6/16/2020	6/15/2022
OTH-008205*	Woods	Kaitlyn	7/8/2020	1/7/2021
OTLL-000020	Wright	Jacob	6/16/2020	10/15/2020

License: Number	Applicant Last Name	Applicant First Name	Effective Date	Expiration Date
OTH-008173	Zellner	Jenna	6/16/2020	6/15/2022

** Provisional license issued pursuant to Administrative Order 2020-01*

b) Renewal/Reinstatement Applications Approved by Executive Director (100)

Dr. McCallister moved the Board ratify the 100 renewal/reinstatement licenses approved by the Executive Director. Ms. Paulson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0 by roll call vote.

License: Number	Applicant Last Name	Applicant First Name	Effective Date	Expiration Date	Application Type
OTH-007575	Akrapovic	Donata	9/16/2020	9/15/2022	Renewal
OTA-002960	Alvis	Martha	8/12/2020	8/11/2022	Renewal
OTH-002198	Anderson	Nikkol	6/30/2020	6/29/2022	Renewal
OTH-005212	Arciniega	Giselle	8/13/2020	8/12/2022	Renewal
OTA-004625	Baird	Linda	8/4/2020	8/3/2022	Renewal
OTH-006649	Baker	Christian	8/15/2020	8/14/2022	Renewal
OTA-005172	Ballard	Carol	7/16/2020	7/15/2022	Renewal
OTH-000283	Benjamin	Sandra	7/24/2020	7/23/2022	Renewal
OTH-005157	Berget	Shemaine	6/18/2020	6/17/2022	Renewal
OTH-005930	Bergren	Breanna	8/11/2020	8/10/2022	Renewal
OTH-003751	Borawski	Kathleen	7/17/2020	7/16/2022	Renewal
OTH-001248	Bowes	Sheri	7/15/2020	7/14/2022	Renewal
OTA-003647	Bury	Bethany	6/19/2020	6/18/2022	Renewal
OTA-005901	Carreras-Evans	Christina	7/14/2020	7/13/2022	Renewal
OTH-001054	Clay	Mildred	7/29/2020	7/28/2022	Renewal
OTH-006613	Coleman	Chyna	7/1/2020	6/30/2022	Renewal
OTH-003767	Collier	Kelly	8/14/2020	8/13/2022	Renewal
OTA-005922	Cory	Adria	8/11/2020	8/10/2022	Renewal
OTA-005902	Cory	Sarina	7/14/2020	7/13/2022	Renewal
OTH-005175	Criss	Melanie	7/16/2020	7/15/2022	Renewal
OTH-005201	Davis	Rosemary	8/13/2020	8/12/2022	Renewal
OTH-005187	Deresz	Lisa	7/16/2020	7/15/2022	Renewal
OTH-002613	Desjardins	Stephen	8/14/2020	8/13/2022	Renewal
OTH-000110	Dickson	Beth	6/21/2020	6/20/2022	Renewal
OTA-005867	Dobson	Dana	6/23/2020	6/22/2022	Renewal
OTH-002576	Eberle	Brooke	7/11/2020	7/10/2022	Renewal
OTA-006619	Ekama	Emily	7/11/2020	7/10/2022	Renewal
OTH-007522	Evasco	Franz Louis	7/15/2020	7/14/2022	Renewal
OTA-004631	Filo	Kelly	8/16/2020	8/15/2022	Renewal
OTH-002933	Forstrom	Tara	8/12/2020	8/11/2022	Renewal
OTH-000486	Frank	Karin	10/15/2020	10/14/2022	Renewal
OTA-005926	Frazer	Camille	8/11/2020	8/10/2022	Renewal
OTH-001968	Fugal	Michelle	7/21/2020	7/20/2022	Renewal

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OTA-005917	Gavrila	Ramona	7/2/2020	7/1/2022	Renewal
OTA-005203	Gerdtz	Julie	8/13/2020	8/12/2022	Renewal
OTA-002137	Gess	Janna	7/13/2020	7/12/2022	Renewal
OTH-000146	Gilbank	Jill	6/24/2020	6/23/2022	Renewal
OTH-005935	Gonzales	Kailee	8/11/2020	8/10/2022	Renewal
OTA-046616	Goodwin	Zoe	7/15/2020	7/14/2022	Renewal
OTH-005929	Gorelkin	Vanessa	8/11/2020	8/10/2022	Renewal
OTH-004648	Gross	Benjamin	8/23/2020	8/22/2022	Renewal
OTH-006657	Guzman	Carly	8/15/2020	8/14/2022	Renewal
OTH-006627	Hamed	Lailah	7/11/2020	7/10/2022	Renewal
OTH-000817	Hansen Barton	Vickie	6/24/2020	6/23/2022	Renewal
OTH-007534	Hernandez	Azalya	7/15/2020	7/14/2022	Renewal
OTH-003298	Hiltner	Juanita	7/12/2020	7/11/2022	Renewal
OTH-007557	Horting	Erin	8/12/2020	8/11/2022	Renewal
OTH-004615	Huber	Jeanne	7/12/2020	7/11/2022	Renewal
OTH-001046	Infantino	Kristina	7/18/2020	7/17/2022	Renewal
OTH-000507	Ivy	Cynthia	7/7/2020	7/6/2022	Renewal
OTH-003322	Kappenman	Wendy	8/16/2020	8/15/2022	Renewal
OTH-005934	Knapek	Kayley	8/11/2020	8/10/2022	Renewal
OTH-000414	Kunz	Tracey	7/2/2020	7/1/2022	Renewal
OTH-003776	Labarbera	Liza	8/14/2020	8/13/2022	Renewal
OTH-000888	Levy	Leslie	6/24/2020	6/23/2022	Renewal
OTH-007538	Linke	Kenneisha	7/15/2020	7/14/2022	Renewal
OTH-002572	Lonsway	Kim	7/24/2020	7/23/2022	Renewal
OTA-005163	Mayer	Rachel	6/18/2020	6/17/2022	Renewal
OTH-006636	Mazerall	Amanda	7/11/2020	7/10/2022	Renewal
OTH-005196	McCune	Lauren	8/3/2020	8/2/2022	Renewal
OTH-002230	Miller	Jennifer	8/17/2020	8/16/2022	Renewal
OTH-002943	Moore	Dale	5/17/2020	5/16/2022	Renewal
OTH-005183	Mulholland	Sue	7/16/2020	7/15/2022	Renewal
OTA-005165	Murphy	Sara	6/18/2020	6/17/2022	Renewal
OTH-007560	Neufeld	Aliza	8/12/2020	8/11/2022	Renewal
OTH-007532	Newton	Brett	7/15/2020	7/14/2022	Renewal
OTH-004196	Novak	Melissa	8/11/2020	8/10/2022	Renewal
OTH-002614	Olea	Suzanne	8/14/2020	8/13/2022	Renewal
OTH-002849	Partain	Diana	7/5/2020	7/4/2022	Renewal
OTH-004200	Portugal	Brian	8/11/2020	8/10/2022	Renewal
OTA-004483	Prettyjohns	Sylvia	7/15/2020	7/14/2022	Renewal
OTH-000516	Pruniski	Mimi	8/14/2020	8/13/2022	Renewal
OTH-003716	Reed	Elizabeth	6/19/2020	6/18/2022	Renewal

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OTA-005884	Reid	Grace	6/23/2020	6/22/2022	Renewal
OTH-007530	Rodgers	Emma	7/15/2020	7/14/2022	Renewal
OTA-005879	Rosenberg	Rebecca	6/23/2020	6/22/2022	Renewal
OTH-003700	Royle	Nanette	8/11/2020	8/10/2022	Renewal
OTH-005912	Ryan	Joalice	7/14/2020	7/13/2022	Renewal
OTA-046661	Sarager	Samantha	9/18/2020	9/17/2022	Renewal
OTH-004193	Saraiva	Jessica	8/11/2020	8/10/2022	Renewal
OTH-007510	Scherf	Wynne	6/11/2020	6/10/2022	Renewal
OTH-007529	Schira	Rebecca	7/15/2020	7/14/2022	Renewal
OTA-005214	Sheehan	Susan	8/23/2020	8/22/2022	Renewal
OTH-004185	Shelly	Shawnalea	7/14/2020	7/13/2022	Renewal
OTH-003330	Shockley	Carrie	9/13/2020	9/12/2022	Renewal
OTA-046612	Sierra	Karina	7/15/2020	7/14/2022	Renewal
OTH-005916	Smith	Chelsea	7/24/2020	7/23/2022	Renewal
OTH-005128	Stein	Patricia	4/16/2020	4/15/2022	Renewal
OTH-004174	Stelmach	Nicole	7/10/2020	7/9/2022	Renewal
OTH-004607	Story	Adam	6/21/2020	6/20/2022	Renewal
OTH-007541	Suarez	Dindo	7/19/2020	7/18/2022	Renewal
OTH-003717	Susong	Heather	6/19/2020	6/18/2022	Renewal
OTH-006702	Taylor	Jag	9/12/2020	9/11/2022	Renewal
OTA-005170	Tyner	Rosalind	6/18/2020	6/17/2022	Renewal
OTA-046608	Valencia	Edgar	7/15/2020	7/14/2022	Renewal
OTH-005913	Vogt	Andrea	7/14/2020	7/13/2022	Renewal
OTH-001339	Wethey	Sherrie	7/19/2020	7/18/2022	Renewal
OTH-007594	Williams	Helen	9/16/2020	9/15/2022	Renewal
OTA-004622	Young	Katrina	7/12/2020	7/11/2022	Renewal
OTA-005899	Zakrocki	Caroline	6/23/2020	6/22/2022	Renewal

8) REVIEW, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION – COMPLAINTS, INVESTIGATIONS AND COMPLIANCE

- a) Initial Review of New Complaints
None

9) REVIEW, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION – BOARD BUSINESS AND REPORTS

- a) Statistics
Ms. Whiteford reviewed the current licensing and regulation statistics.
 - i) 4,068 Current Active Licensees
 - (1) 2,729 Occupational Therapist
 - (2) 1,333 Occupational Therapy Assistant
 - (3) 3 Occupational Therapist Limited License
 - (4) 3 Occupational Therapy Assistant Limited License
 - ii) 90 Current Inactive Licensees
 - (1) 63 Occupational Therapist

- (2) 27 Occupational Therapy Assistant
- iii) 2 active consent agreements – Next item due 11/6/2020
- iv) 10 open investigations
- b) COVID-19-Related License Requirement Waivers
Ms. Whiteford reviewed the number of waivers granted due to COVID-19.
 - i) Fingerprint Waivers – 94 (42 since last meeting)
 - ii) NBCOT Exam Waivers – 31 (13 since last meeting)
 - iii) Continuing Education Waivers – 38 (19 since last meeting)
 - iv) Fee Waivers – 49 (26 since last meeting)
- c) Administrative Project Status
 - i) Policies and Procedures – No update.
 - ii) Shredding of Expired License Files – No update.
 - iii) Conversion to Google Meet – Ms. Whiteford stated that Google Meet did not provide all of the functionality required for Board meetings.
- d) Open Board Member Position – Status Update
This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.

5) REVIEW, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

- b) Executive Session Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2020
Ms. Khan stated that the meeting location needs to be changed to Webex. Dr. McCallister moved the Board approve the executive session meeting minutes with the amendment that the meeting was held via Webex. Ms. Paulson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0 by roll call vote.

10) AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

None

11) CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No members of the public chose to speak.

12) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.